

Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee

Summary Minutes June 17, 2004

Meeting Time 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Meeting Location:
Ballard Locks**

Members and Alternates Present: Bruce Bachen (SPU), Frank Urabeck (Trout Unlimited), Hans Berge (KC), Tim Romanski (USFWS), Brodie Antipa (WDFW), Chuck Wischman (PSA), Phyllis Meyers (NMFS), Michael Kern (LLTK), and Bill Robinson

Others in attendance: Dave Seiler, and Chuck Johnson (WDFW), Paul Faulds (SPU), Chuck Ebel (USACOE), Mike Mahovlich (MIT), Jenny Newell (UW), and Roz Glasser

I) Call to order

Bruce Bachen called the meeting to order at 9:21 AM. Bruce invited anyone from the public that wanted to testify during the public comment period to please sign up.

II) Approval of agenda

Bruce noted that Chuck Ebel would not be able to provide a tour of the Locks but would attend the meeting for a short period of time to describe the Adult PIT Tag study. Bruce also mentioned that Sam Wright had notified him that he would not be attending the meeting. Members unanimously approved the revised agenda.

III) Meeting minutes review and approval from May 20, 2004

The AFC unanimously approved the meeting minutes from May 20, 2004.

IV) Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead

Review list of questions developed at May AFC meeting

Bruce briefed members on the status of the program development and highlighted the past and current objectives of the project and its connection with AFC. Bruce asked members to look at the list of study questions that were developed at the last meeting and discuss how to prioritize or refine the questions.

V) Sockeye Monitoring and Research

Update on new activities

Bruce thanked WDFW for initiating a seining operation in the Ship Canal this year and he asked Dave S. to brief the AFC on the work. Dave said the seining took place on May 11th, 18th, and 25th and they had two main objectives: to collect otoliths from about 1,000 sockeye smolts and to determine the size of juvenile outmigrants by species. The otolith data will be used to provide information for determining effects of release site on survival and for comparing smolts by origin: natural or hatchery. The size data was provided to Paul DeVries to help observers calibrate their counts of outmigrants at the flumes on the Ballard Locks.

Discuss continuation of the fall juvenile survey in Lake Washington

Bruce noted the AFC would have to decide soon if the fall juvenile survey work is going to continue this year. The fall surveys have been done for the past 3 years and completing one more year would provide two years of data for both low and high smelt abundance years. The survey also provides useful information on sockeye growth rates and the lake's carrying capacity.

VI) Public comment

Bruce noted this was the time slot for public comment. He asked if anyone had signed up to speak or now wished to comment. No one indicated an interest in commenting so the public comment period was closed.

VII) Information and discussion items

Chuck E. thanked the AFC for supporting the Adult PIT Tag Study. Chuck E. reported the detectors were installed and it appeared that fish were moving through the orifices. He provided some before and after color pictures to the group.

Sockeye harvest – 2004

Chuck J. said Mike M. and Dave S. gave presentation at the WDFW Mill Creek office last week to discuss the potential fishery on Lake Washington. He noted Frank U. and Bill R were present at the meeting. Bill R. complimented all of the presenters for informative presentations Jenny Newell summarized her study and asked for help in recovering tags. Bill R. suggested the state put a link to Jenny's web site.

2004 Cedar River steelhead redd counts

Paul provided members with a steelhead redd handout prepared by Karl Burton.

Weir permitting for 2004

Brodie noted the weir permitting was moving forward.

Status of chinook report for 2003 returns

Bruce reported the 2003 chinook report would be available in July.

Water supply conditions update

Bruce reported water supply conditions for the Cedar River were good and recent storm events helped fill the Chester Morse Lake. Tour Ballard Locks (11:20 – 1:00)

VIII) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 for a tour of the Locks and fish ladder.